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## **NEW MOBILE DECONTAMINATION TRAILERS IN PLACE AS HANFORD TANK FARM CLEANUP CONTINUES**

Hanford tank farm workers now have another resource for responding to emergencies involving radioactive and chemical contaminations: two mobile worker decontamination trailers that provide immediate, on-the-spot worker decontamination capabilities as CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc., Hanford's tank farms clean up contractor, shifts to an accelerated completion of Hanford's waste tank clean up.

"These trailers are an excellent addition to CH2M HILL's suite of emergency response resources at the Hanford Site," said Roy Schepens, Manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of River Protection. "We can put these trailers right at the tank farms where we will be doing specific work, such as accelerated waste retrieval and the interim closure of Hanford's first tanks."

Each of the trailers can be used for a wide range of hazardous chemical and radiological decontamination. Each trailer contains three decontamination showers, a deluge safety shower, lockers, clothing, decontamination supplies, and two sinks with eyewash stations.

The trailers were recently placed in service following Washington State Department of Health approval of a Notice of Construction air permit. The Department of Health had agreed that the trailers could be used during the time CH2M HILL was obtaining the permits in a bona fide emergency where life or health were at risk. Earlier this year, one trailer was staged at the C Tank Farm for back-up emergency use while workers removed a large pump in preparation for waste retrieval and closure of tank C-106. Currently, CH2M HILL's Closure Project and Waste Feed Operations organizations each have one of the units deployed at key locations adjacent to their facilities.

The trailers are located in the 200 East and West Areas of the Hanford Site, which contain Hanford's 18 tank farms with their 177 large, underground tanks. The trailers can be relocated to support specific work activities or emergencies involving Hanford's tank farms clean up. CH2M HILL plans further improvements to its spill and emergency response capabilities this year in its ongoing efforts to enhance worker safety.

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